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At about 1 p.m. on 2 July 1951, a train with troops and materiel, including vehicles left the Potsdam main railroad station toward Brandenburg. Shortly thereafter, trucks were loaded on an empty train which was shunted to the loading ramp:

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Eleven of the trucks carried pontoons. In addition, 4 flatcars of the train were loaded with 4 field-kitchen trucks, 8 to 10 cars with beams and wooden barracks sections, and 18 boxcars with officers and men. The troops were as follows: about 200 troops with black-bordered black epaulets; about 100 troops with black-bordered crimson epaulets; and about 40 troops with red-bordered black epaulets. The train was loaded and ready for dispatch toward Brandenburg at 7 p.m. \*

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\* Comment. the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG from the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam, left the installation by rail. the two first rail shipments were bound for Bernburg.

the loading of the regiment continued until 5 July 1951. the number of about 350 troops who, were loaded on 2 July 1951, is conspicuously high against a total regimental strength of about 540 officers and EM. the troops of the 50X1-HUM regiment included soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. These soldiers were undoubtedly recruits who 50X1-HUM arrived in June 1951. The groups of 100 and of 40 troops with the epaulets observed on the train which was loaded on 2 July 1951, and more troops with these same types of epaulets which were observed on previous trains constitute too many recruits for only one regiment. It is therefore considered possible that the engineer regiment received a major contingent of recruits for training and, to provide these troops with trucks, vehicles which were 50X1-HUM sporadically observed at the Delius Kaserne in June 1951 were loaned to them. However, clarification of this issue will be possible only upon information from the regimental training area at Bernburg and/or upon the return of the 50X1-HUM regiment to its home station.

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